Computer and disseminated through satellite based communication (VSAT) and Fax/ telephone to AAS Units on real time mode. The services provided by IMD, SOI, NATMO and NCMRWF are quite comparable with those in the developed countries of the world.

Promotion of basic science

3562. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to promote basic science in the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for enhancement in the amount of Junior/Senior Research Fellowship being awarded by the CSIR; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and what other steps Government propose to take to encourage the future scientists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) The Government is continuing to promote basic science in the Universities/Academic institutions/National Laboratories through various R & D programmes, namely, funding of R & D projects, establishment of centres/national facilities, Projects and fellowships for young scientists, etc.

(b) No Sir.

(c) The Government has initiated a number of new schemes recently to encourage young scientists and science students towards basic research. These schemes include Kishore Vaigyanic Protsahan Yojana, Swarna Jayanti Fellowships. Further, the Government has also recently set up a Fund for Improvement of S & T Infrastructure in Universities and other Higher Educational Institutions (FIST) to use infrastructural improvements as a means of attracting and retaining talent.

Grants for Sports Schemes

3563. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many proposals are pending of various schemes being implemented by the Ministry, State-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that because of the sharing basis of grants at 50 per cent for various schemes by NGOs or Local Government Agencies, the proposals do not come from such beneficiaries;

(c) if so, whether Government would consider to restructure the norms for giving more grants and less of self contributions by the beneficiaries; and

(d) whether Government would consider giving 100 per cent grant for the Schemes in force, if submitted exclusively for women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (d) The details of proposals in respect of schemes of this Ministry involving 50% grant by the Central Government received from NGOs and disposed off during the last two years are given in the Statements I to IV respectively (*See* below). Ministry has no proposal under consideration to enhance the present level of grants being given to NGOs/Local Government Agencies in view of budgetary constrainst. Even under the existing scheme of things, sufficient number of proposals are being received every year from the NGOs/Local Government Agencies, Proposals involving benefits to women are given priority consideration within the existing norms of financial assistance.

Statement-I

Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure

Sl. No.	State U/T	1998-1999		1999-2000	
		No. of Proposals received	No. of Proposals approved	No. of Proposals received	No. of Proposals approved
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2	1	3	Nil
2.	Assam	6	2	7	Nil
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	Nil	1	Nil
4.	Gujarat	—	—	1	1
5.	Goa	—	—	3	Nil
6.	Haryana	3	1	2	—
7.	Himachal Pradesh	5	1	7	2
8.	J and K	24	9	49	9
9.	Karnataka	6	2	7	1
10.	Kerala	5	2	10	4

Sl. No.	State/UT	1998-1999		1999-2000	
		No. of Proposals received	No. of Proposals approved	No. of Proposals received	No. of Proposals approved
11.	Madhya Pradesh	30	18	21	15
12.	Maharashtra	1	1	13	1
13.	Mizoram	—	—	22	12
14.	Manipur	—	—	10	2
15.	Nagaland	10	3	19	1
16.	Orissa	—	—	4	Nil
17.	Punjab	8	—	14	4
18.	Rajasthan	8	—	7	1
19.	Sikkim	2	—	—	—
20.	Tripura	—	—	5	—
21.	Tamil Nadu	1	1	7	5
22.	Uttar Pradesh	—	—	7	4
23.	West Bengal	—	—	18	—
24.	Delhi	—	—	1	1
25.	Chandigarh	—	—	1	—
	Total	112	41	451	63

Statement-II

Grants to Rural Schools

Sl. No.	State/UT	1998-1999		1999-2000	
		No. of Proposals received	No. of Proposals approved	No. of Proposals received	No. of Proposals approved
1.	Assam	8	7	12	8
2.	Andhra Pradesh	4	—	5	1
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	15	8	1	1
4.	Andman and Nicobar	—	—	—	—
5.	Bihar	7	—	3	—
6.	Delhi	—	—	1	1
7.	Gujarat	—	—	8	4
8.	Goa	—	—	14	5
9.	Himachal Pradesh	2	1	1	1
10.	Haryana	3	2	2	2
11.	J and K	20	1	13	5
12.	Karnataka.	10	1	11	2
13.	Kerala	13	11	15	7
14.	Manipur	5	5	21	6
15.	Madhya Pradesh	24	6	19	12
16.	Maharashtra	—	—	17	2
17.	Mizoram	1	—	1	—

Sl. No.	State/UT	1998-1999		1999-2000	
		No. of Proposals received	No. of Proposals approved	No. of Proposals received	No. of Proposals approved
18.	Meghalaya	—	—	—	—
19.	Nagaland	17	12	6	6
20.	Orissa	8	2	5	2
21.	Punjab	2	—	3	3
22.	Pondichery	—	—	—	—
23.	Rajasthan	13	2	12	2
24.	Tamil Nadu	36	9	20	11
25.	Tripura	13	6	6	5
26.	Uttar Pradesh	27	5	43	24
27.	Sikkim	—	—	1	—
28.	West Bengal	19	1	64	42
	Total	247	79	304	152

Statement-III

Promotion of Sports in Universities/Colleges

Sl. No.	State/UT	1998-1999		1999-2000	
		No. of Proposals received	No. of Proposals approved	No. of Proposals received	No. of Proposals approved
1.	Andhra Pradesh	22	7	18	3
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2	2	—	—
3.	Assam	4	3	5	1
4.	Bihar	6	4	2	1
5.	Goa	1	1	1	—
6.	Gujarat	3	1	6	2
7.	Haryana	7	3	19	9
8.	Himachal Pradesh	5	2	4	—
9.	J and K	1	—	1	1
10.	Karnataka	23	14	26	10
11.	Kerala	3	1	8	3
12.	Maharashtra	37	21	59	27
13.	Manipur	4	1	3	—
14.	Nagaland	1	—	2	—
15.	Meghalaya	—	—	—	—
16.	Mizoram	—	—	—	—
17.	Orissa	22	12	14	7
18.	Punjab	21	6	4	1
19.	Rajasthan	2	1	11	4

Sl. No.	State/UT	1998-1999		1999-2000	
		No. of Proposals received	No. of Proposals approved	No. of Proposals received	No. of Proposals approved
20.	Sikkim	—	—	—	—
21.	Tamil Nadu	15	6	33	11
22.	Tripura	1	1	2	1
23.	Uttar Pradesh	13	6	7	3
24.	West Bengal	8	3	6	—
	Total	201	95	231	84

Statement IV

Scheme of Grants for Laying Synthetic Playing Surfaces

Sl. No.	State/UT	1998-1999		1999-2000	
		No. of Proposals received	No. of Proposals approved	No. of Proposals received	No. of Proposals approved
1.	Assam	—	—	1	—
2.	Haryana	1	—	2	2
3.	Himachal Pradesh	—	—	1	1
4.	Karnataka	2	2	—	—
5.	Kerala	—	—	1	—
6.	Madhya Pradesh	1	1	—	—
7.	Maharashtra	—	—	2	2
8.	Bihar	—	—	1	—
9.	Punjab	—	—	4	4
10.	Tripura	2	—	—	—
11.	Uttar Pradesh	—	—	1	1
12.	West Bengal	1	1	—	—
13.	Delhi	—	—	3	3
14.	Chandigarh	—	—	1	1
	Total	7	4	17	14

Projects of Nehru Yuvak Kendras

†3564. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the state-wise and year-wise details of various projects started and completed by Nehru Yuvak Kendras in the country during the last three years, till date;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.